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Memorandum For: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee
From : Executive Secretary, EDIC
Subject : Soviet Procurement of Technical Data, Models, and
Prototypes in the United States

1. The midsummer 1954 issue of the ONI Review (Secret Supplement) contains an article on "Soviet Intelligence Collection in the United States." This article provides examples of unclassified strategic intelligence being collected in this country by Soviet bloc country representatives, and indicates the intensification in recent months of this collection effort. Although not strictly within the context of economic defense, this ONI Article (and related material) is brought to the attention of the EDAC Community since it ^{reveals} ~~reveals~~ efforts of Soviet representatives to procure, in addition to unclassified technical data, "items which they are not allowed to use in the US and which cannot be shipped from this country without a license as required by the Export Control Act of 1948." Knowledge of this effort is directly relevant to current action under Department of Commerce auspices to strengthen export ~~control~~ of technical data.

2. During recent months, Soviet representatives have attempted to procure materials relating to research and experimental studies on military, industrial and scientific matters. They have sought to obtain, often by subterfuge, copies of reports on engineering, mapping, radio, electronics, radar, explosives, chemical research, automotive, jet propulsion and rocket data. Inquiries for this material have been made to the:

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1. Library of Congress,
2. Department of Commerce *firm*
3. Society of Automotive Engineers
4. US industrial ~~concerns~~ (including such concerns as the Atomic Instrument Co.)
5. US Census Bureau
6. US Geological Survey
7. California Institute of Technology
8. Arctic Institute of North America.

Soviet representatives have also purchased oblique aerial photographic maps, telephone directories and street guides of important American ~~cities~~ *cities* and industrial centers, made sketches of such locations (including harbor installations), attended and obtained literature from the National Electronics Conference, placed orders for microfilm dealing with such subjects as metallurgy, armorplate, supersonic wind tunnels and aircraft.

3. Export of technical data is covered by Section 371.19 of the Comprehensive Export Schedule and is administered by the Department of Commerce. A general license designated GTD authorizes the exportation of technical data to any but Subgroup A (Soviet Bloc) destinations provided it has not been assigned a US Government security classification, or unless authorized permission to export has been obtained from the responsible US Government agency. This section is being *revised* ~~revised~~ in connection with the feeling in some quarters that mandatory controls should be extended to cover export of technical data to friendly countries, particularly when related to commodities for which the US possesses unique technical "know-how" or where other special security considerations are involved.

4. This memorandum is distributed for information purposes and to call this problem to the attention of those EDIC ~~agencies~~ *agencies* not directly concerned with the JOC revision of section 371.19. No action by EDIC member^s is required but comments are invited as to the utility of EDIC discussions of Soviet procurement of technical data, models and prototypes in the US. It might be appropriate

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for cognizant members to report on counter measures which have been taken or are being considered by their respective agencies.

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